



## LOUISIANA SENATE

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#### SENATOR ALARIO HONORED AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 ULLO CANE

#### HONORED FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED OF LOUISIANA

The Randolph Sheppard Vendors of Louisiana has selected Senate President John A. Alario, Jr. as the inaugural recipient of the Ullo Cane. The Ullo Cane is presented to a State Senator or State Representative who advanced public awareness of blindness and visual impairment throughout the State of Louisiana.

“John Alario has worked tirelessly to secure funding for Louisiana’s state funded blind services in the face of diminishing government resources. During appropriations, he has often asked the hard questions to get the hard answers but always made sure Louisiana’s blind citizens continue to receive access to vital state services,” said Herbert Reado, President of the RSVL Board.

The Ullo Cane honors the late Senator J. Chris Ullo who was a friend to Louisiana’s blind and visually impaired citizens.



*Senator Alario is presented the Ullo Cane at a ceremony on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Claiborne Café. Pictured from left to right are: Chris Ullo, son of the late Sen. Ullo, Senate President John A., Alario, Jr. and Terry Carmardelle, RSVL Executive Director.*

In accepting the award, Sen. Alario praised the efforts of Ullo, “I am deeply honored to be the inaugural recipient of this award in Senator Ullo’s name. Chris was a true champion of those individuals needing a helping hand. I treasure the working relationship we had in the House of Representatives and the Senate as we worked together to help our constituents.”

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